

## MURDER OR SUICIDE

Causes Death of Two People at St. Louis.

Young Man and Woman Dead in a Room.

## THE DEEPEST MYSTERY

Surrounds the Case and the People's History.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 12.—The police of this city have suddenly been confronted by one of the most mysterious cases they have ever tried to solve. Yesterday morning a man named Steve E. Wilsko applied at alboarding house, 1412 Olive street, for a room, finally engaging a room for a week, paying therefore in advance. He then left the house, returning late in the afternoon and going, instead of to his own room, to one on the same floor occupied by Miss Josie Stevenson.

Late last night a man called at the house to see Miss Stevenson. Going to her room to call her, the landlady found the door open. Miss Stevenson was lying on the floor dead with a bullet hole through her forehead. Wilsko was on the bed some six feet distant, shot twice through the heart. Between the two was a revolver, all five chambers of which were empty.

The first theory was that murder had been followed by suicide, but after examination of the room and the wounds, the police say neither of the dead persons could have fired the fatal shots.

The two additional shots from the revolver were fired at the man, but missed. Although there were several persons in the house on both the same floor and the one above, all afternoon, no one heard any shooting or unusual noise. The man who called for Miss Stevenson has disappeared and cannot be found. His name has been ascertained to be H. G. Mason. Nothing is known of Wilsko and but little of Miss Stevenson. The whole affair is shrouded in mystery, and much of a sensational nature is expected in its disentanglement.

**Shaefer Defeats Slosson.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—The fourth night of the ball-line billiard tournament brought Shaefer and Slosson together for the second time. With the anchor-barred Slosson becomes once more a figure in the billiard arena, his general game being strong enough to furnish an argument with any living player. The score:

Shaefer—25, 35, 165, 0, 21, 0, 18, 38,

1, 28, 1, 0, 14, 0, 1, 28, 28, 7, 0, 25, 0,

6, 4, 0, 14, 60, 21, 28, 0, 0, 21, 0, 14, 0,

15—699.

Slosson—55, 3, 2, 3, 35, 5, 28, 2, 6, 0,

7, 27, 1, 16, 2, 21, 44, 14, 7, 1, 0, 13, 53,

0, 12, 0, 2, 0, 0, 0, 3, 24, 37, 99, 0, 18

—530.

Averages—Shaefer 15.36-38; Slosson, 12.46-38.

High runs—Shaefer, 133; Slosson, 52. Slosson and Ross play to-night.

**Found a Bomb in His Pocket.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12.—When Edward Elam, a broker, reached home and removed his overcoat last evening he made a discovery that almost made his hair turn gray. He had brought some oranges for his wife, and running his hand in his overcoat pocket to get them he pulled out a piece of pipe six inches long attached to one of which was a fuse that had been burned down to within half an eighth of an inch of the pipe. The infernal machine has not been tested as yet, but it is believed to be filled with dynamite or nitro-glycerine.

**Actors in a Burning Car.**

Cotonado Smokes Co., Jan. 12.—The members of the Ensign company, en route from Washington D. C., to San Francisco in a special coach on the Santa Fe road, had a thrilling experience about 100 miles west of Kansas City. The rear end of their car, the last in the train, caught fire from defective heating apparatus. The actors fought the flames while the train sped on to Omaha thirty miles away, where water was procured and the fire extinguished.

**Cousins Escape to the Territory.**

SEATTLE, Mo., Jan. 12.—Miss Florence Conkwright, daughter of Dr. A. H. Conkwright, one of the most prominent citizens of Sedalia, and Joseph G. Cox, son of a wealthy resident of Cooper county, were united in marriage yesterday at McAlester, Ind. Tex. They escaped from home to get married, the parents on both sides objecting to the union on account of their being first cousins.

**A Huge Mountain Going Aground.**

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 12.—The big Prentiss brownstone monolith, the biggest ever quarried, which was intended to be a part of the Wisconsin state exhibit at the World's fair, is to be taken abroad. The 115 feet of sandstone will journey to the Antwerp exposition in a monster whaleback steamer. The vessel will be constructed and used as a part of the exhibit.

**Champion Pulford in Fresh Troubles.**

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 12.—Elijah D. Pulford, the champion wing shot, and until two months ago construction foreman of the Indiana and Ohio section of the American Telegraph and Telephone company's line, is again a prisoner in the Marion county jail. The charge against him is attempting to bribe Benjamin Marshall, a member of the grand jury.

**Carter Harrison's Personal Estate.**

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—An inventory of the personal property of the estate of the late Carter H. Harrison has been filed in the probate court. It shows the cash and stocks belonging to the estate, including \$16,000 life insurance, to be \$27,112.48.

## LYNCHING IN SIGHT.

MEMPHIS, Mo.—Citizens searching for the murderer of an old couple.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 12.—Last night four negroes entered the home of Frederick Beney, a farmer living half a mile south of Florissant, a suburb of this city, and made a demand for money, which they believed was concealed in the house. The demand not being acquiesced in, the negroes beat Beney, who is over 70, and his wife, aged 65, so severely that the latter is dead and the former can not recover from his injuries. A hired man hearing the screams of the old couple, ran to their assistance and was himself beaten into insensibility. The negroes then secured \$300 and fled. Beney was known to be about to purchase a farm, and was believed to have the purchase money secreted in the house. At 11 o'clock the city police department received word that over a hundred Florissant citizens were searching for the negroes with the avowed intention of lynching them if found.

Employment for His Men.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 12.—The city authorities yesterday sold \$700,000 in four per cent municipal bonds at a premium of \$11,700 to the Citizens' Savings and Loan association. The funds derived will be used in improving the parks, and thus furnish employment for a large number of idle men.

Chicago Post Office Robbed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—George B. Hennessy, employed in the retail stamp department of the postoffice, was robbed of stamps to the amount of \$600. He turned his back on the window for an instant and turned around just in time to see the stamps disappear.

Borriero Tragedy.

NELSON, Neb., Jan. 12.—At 6 p.m. last night George Hough with a pocket-knife, cut the carotid artery of Charles F. Cage, producing death in about five minutes. There had been a drunken quarrel and Cage had attacked Hough, who defended himself with the above result.

Suit Against the Bridge Company.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Jan. 12.—Another suit for \$25,000 damages was filed against the Phoenix Bridge company yesterday. The plaintiff is W. H. Owens, who sues as administrator of John F. Owens, who lost his life in the bridge accident.

Avenged His Father's Murder.

NEVADA, Mo., Jan. 12.—A report was received here yesterday that Ed Phillips had killed Bill Cook near Caplinger's mill, Cedar county, Saturday last. Phillips is a son of Tom Phillips, who was killed by Cook a year ago.

Cabinet Discusses Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Interest in the Hawaiian question centers in the dispatches from Mr. Will by the Corwin, which were in the hands of the state department yesterday. Secretaries Gresham, Lamont and Carlisle and Attorney General Olney advised the White house and were in conference with Mr. Cleveland. All that could be learned of the dispatches was that they contain about 12,000 words. President Dole's letter to ready Minister Willis containing about 100 words. It was thought the other would be sent concerning the personnel of it by the president occupied considerable time, and it was found the preparation of the copies to be sent to the capitol would occupy much more. The matter will be transmitted to congress to-day.

Boarding School Burned.

PROVIA, Ill., Jan. 12.—Lida Woods' boarding-home at the Eureka Ill. college burned at 5 o'clock last evening. It was occupied by fifty girls, all of whom escaped without injury. Loss, \$15,000; insurance, \$10,000.

NEWS NOTES.

The Carolina worsted mills, at Carina, R. I., have closed down.

Charles Willard, iron founder of Chicago, has assigned assets \$100,000; liabilities, \$80,000.

W. H. Tenay & Co., boot and shoe jobbers of Boston, have assigned with liabilities of \$80,000. Assets unknown.

Elijah D. Fulford, champion wing shot of the world, is a prisoner in the Indianapolis jail charged with bribery.

Mrs. Caroline Talbot, the Quakeress who has preached all over the United States and England during the last twenty-five years, died at Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

Thirty-three counties in the Hawaian nation have voted almost unanimously against statehood or any severance of tribal relations.

Fred Niles, the Michigan crank who appeared at the Chicago jail a week ago to liberate the assassin, Prendegast, was sent to the insane asylum.

Three section men were killed and one fatally injured on the Woodward line company's railway at Bartlesville, Okla., their handcar being struck by a locomotive.

Near Pine Bluff, Ark., James A. Avery, farmer, was shot at a "speaking bee" by a notorious character named Shadwell Williams. The murder was unprovoked.

Governor Stone is in Kansas City to consult with Democratic politicians and others concerning the proper successor to Judge Gibson, resigned.

The first of the series of three grand receptions that are given each year at the White house took place yesterday, when President and Mrs. Cleveland entertained the diplomatic corps.

Owing to embolism, it has been found necessary to amputate one of General Gouraud's toes. Professor Hirschmann performed the operation and it was successful.

The National Foundry and Pipe Works at Scranton, Pa., posted notices that a reduction ranging from 10 to fifteen per cent would take effect January 15. The men will probably accept.

M. Dupuy was elected president of the French chamber of deputies by a vote of 290 to 67.

A Pennsylvania railway train ran down and killed three unknown immigrants in Carnegie's tunnel near Greensburg, Pa.

Colonel Bryant Wants to Retire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Colonel Montgomery Bryant, commander at Fort Smith, Okla., has made application to be put on the retired list of the army.

March 1. Colonel Bryant has seen over thirty years of active service.

## FOOD FOR TALK.

The Hawaiian Question Promises to Surpass Silver.

As the Occasion of Long Arguments.

## AN ESTABLISHED FACT

Is What Senator Turpie Calls Provisional Government.

## HILL BEAT HORNBLOWER.

His Influence Resulted in the Letter Turned Down.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The defeat of Mr. Hornblower for associate justice of the supreme court in the senate judiciary committee is generally ascribed to the influence of Senator Hill.

Hill was asked recently if in the event of the ratification of the committee's action by the senate, the president would be likely to send in the name of another New Yorker. Mr. Hill smiled and replied:

"I am not in the president's confidence about that or any other matter. My own opinion is that New York is entitled to the place. She has a number of excellent lawyers and judges, any one of whom would adorn the place and could easily be confirmed by the senate. I may mention Judge Peckham of the state court of appeals, and Judge Ingraham of the federal bench. Both are able men, and have had large experience on the bench. There are others quite as able and deserving, whom any New Yorker could name."

## WILL RUIN BUSINESS.

They are Democrats but Are Opposed to Wilson Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Chairman Wilson, and his associates on the ways and means committee sent to Senator Voorhees, chairman of the finance committee of the senate, in response to his recent letters to manufacturers, requesting their view on the tariff revision.

The answers are made by Martin Ballou's Sons company, having chemical plants at Brooklyn, Buffalo and Bayonne, N. J., with a capital invested of \$1,500,000.

In a letter accompanying the reply, they say they happen to be Democrats and in full sympathy with the Democratic party, but say that the reductions of the Wilson bill would mean disaster to their business.

Colorado Extra Session.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 12.—The extra session will last until Saturday, at least. One resolution calls for immediate adjournment, one seeks to know the prospects for money to defray the expense of the extra session, and another asks of the attorney general what progress he has made in recovering from bondsmen of former state treasurers and auditors for school funds alleged to have been wrongfully diverted, as directed by the regular session.

Leather Medal for Governor Waite.

DENVER, Col., Jan. 12.—Governor Waite received by mail yesterday a leather medal of the exact size of a silver dollar. On one side was this inscription: "To his excellency, Davis H. Waite, in token of the esteem of the citizens of Colorado for his able decision to act in opposition to their wishes and best interests."

On the obverse side were the words: "Colorado, 57 cents. Mexico."

More Money a Necessity.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Acting Secretary Curtis had a call yesterday from the board of control of the world's Columbian commission, now in session here. Eighteen thousand dollars of the award fund is wanted to publish the final report of the commission required by act of congress, which will be practically a history of the exposition.

Two Men Frozen to Death.

WINNIPEG, Jan. 12.—Two deaths are reported in Winnipeg's district from last night's blizzard. Robert Mills, a farmer, was returning home from this city to Brandon. He lost his way and was found dead this morning. James McHorrister, while drunk, laid down on the river bank and perished in the gale.

Safe Blowers at Linneus, Missouri.

LINNEUS, Mo., Jan. 12.—Last night the jewelry and notion store of Jacob Gartner of this place, was broken into and the safe, containing about \$10,000 worth of diamonds, gold and silver watches and other jewelry and \$100 in money, was blown open and its entire contents stolen.

Murder and Arson.

WISCONSIN, Wis., Jan. 12.—Charles Otto Breder, who was erecting a station building at Chautauqua, was found guilty of murder in the first degree in the United States court. His offense consisted of killing a special officer named Schubert on Mount Pleasant, Ohio.

A Train Robber to Be Hanged.

HELENA, Mont., Jan. 12.—Charles Jones, who helped to hold up a Northern Pacific passenger train east of Livingston, Mont., in August last, has been found guilty of murder in the first degree in the United States court. The trial of the case was held before a jury of 12 men, 6 women, and 6 children.

An Ex-Congressman a Bank Examiner.

PORLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—Lionel G. St. Louis, a former member of Congress, has been appointed a bank examiner and receiver of the Oregon National bank, forwarded his resignation to Comptroller Kelcey. It has developed that he is an ex-conscript.

Dentosis Cannot be Cured.

by local application, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remediation. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rattling sound in the ear, imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; in fact, it is impossible to cure deafness.

We will give one hundred dollars for any case of deafness (caused by earache) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free.

TEXAS AND RETURN.

One Fare for the Round Trip to Santa Fe Route.

On the second Tuesday of each month the Santa Fe will sell round trip tickets to all Texas points at one fare for the round trip. Tickets good for thirty days, and good to stop at all points in Oklahoma, Indian Territory or New Mexico, on going trip.

Neck band put on by the Peerless

# S. Barnum & Co.

We will make a great effort

## THIS WEEK

To get our stock in shape for invoicing. The center counters of the entire length of the store will be heaped with

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